Entries for the DV-2014

There is only one way to enter the DV-2014 lottery. You must submit the DS-5501, the Electronic Diversity Visa Entry Form (E-DV Entry Form), which is accessible only online at the E-DV website http://www.dvlottery.state.gov/ starting on October 2, 2012.

The online registration period for the 2014 Diversity Visa Program (DV-2014) will begin on Tuesday, October 2, 2012, at noon, Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) (GMT-4), and conclude on Saturday, November 3, 2012, at noon, Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) (GMT-4).

Also, please be aware that Internet sites ending in the ".gov" top-level domain suffix are official government websites. Many other non-governmental websites (e.g., addresses ending with ".com," ".org" or ".net") provide legitimate and useful immigration and visa-related information and services. Regardless of the content of other websites, the Department of State does not endorse, recommend, or sponsor any information or material shown on these other websites.

Notification of Winners

All entrants, including those NOT selected, may check the status of their entry through the Entrant Status Check available online starting May 1, 2013, at the E-DV website http://www.dvlottery.state.gov/ and find out if their entry was or was not selected. Entrants must keep their own confirmation page information from the time of their entry until at least June 30, 2014. Status information for DV-2014 will be available online from May 1, 2013, through June 30, 2014.

Starting May 1, 2013, you will be able to check the status of your DV-2014 entry by returning to www.dvlottery.state.gov, clicking on Entrant Status Check, and entering your unique confirmation number and personal information. Entrant Status Check will be the sole means of informing you of your selection for DV-2014, providing instructions to you on how to proceed with your application, and notifying you of your appointment for your immigrant visa interview. Therefore, it is essential you retain your confirmation number. Department of State will create a mechanism for you to retrieve your confirmation number, but it is very important you do not give it to third party.

Our Goal

Our goal is to encourage all Albanian citizens applying for the DV Lottery to review the Diversity Visa Lottery Instructions before completing the application.

Errors in the application process, such as not including your spouse or all of your eligible children or entering multiple times will result in disqualification of your entry.

Additionally, the educational and professional requirements for qualifying for a Diversity Visa are very strict; please review the requirements carefully before deciding to enter.





Consular Section Rr. Elbasanit, Nr. 103 Tirana, Albania Phone: +355-(0)4-224-7285 Fax: +355-(0)4-237-4957

Email: tiranausconsulate@state.gov Web: http://tirana.usembassy.gov/dv.html

Diversity Visas Frequently Asked Questions

U.S. Department of StateBureau of Consular AffairsU.S. Embassy Tirana, Albania





Q. Does everyone selected by the computer automatically qualify?

No. In order to qualify for the DV, applicants all over the world must meet very strict educational or professional eligibility requirements. To qualify, DV applicants must have completed a 12 year full time course of study in the United States or a formal course of elementary and secondary education comparable to completion of 12 years of elementary and secondary education in the United States. Applicants should make smart choices about whether or not they should enter the DV. For more information about qualifying education, please see the answer for "which education qualifies for the DV?."

Although in rare cases, it is possible to qualify based on work experience, the professions that can be used for this experience almost always require a level of education above the high school education required by the DV. Even if someone is selected by the computer, if they don't meet the minimum qualifications, they can't receive a visa through the DV.

Q. Which education does qualify for the DV?

Based on the education requirement, Albanians who have not completed a full time high school education that is at least equivalent to a U.S. high school education (4 years, full-time) won't qualify. Part time high school diplomas - without a break from work, evening school, or correspondence - including five year programs or long-term programs (part time, without a break from work, evening school, or correspondence) don't qualify for the DV.

In addition, three year vocational high school degrees do not qualify for the DV. Even if you completed part of high school on the part time system, and part of high school on the full time system, this diploma will not qualify for the DV.

Q. What family members must I include on my E-DV entry?

On your entry you must list your spouse (husband or wife) and all unmarried children under 21 years of age. You must list your spouse even if you are currently separated from him/her, unless you are legally separated (i.e., there is a court order). If you are legally separated or divorced, you do not need to list your former spouse. Failure to list your eligible spouse will result in disqualification of the principal applicant and refusal of all visas in the case at the time of the visa interview. You must list your spouse here even if you plan to be divorced before you apply for a visa.

You must list ALL your children who are unmarried and under 21 years of age at the time of your initial E-DV entry, whether they are your natural children, your spouse's children, or children you have formally adopted; otherwise will result in disqualification of the principal applicant and refusal of all visas in the case at the time of the visa interview. List all children under 21 years of age at the time of your electronic entry, even if they no longer reside with you or you do not intend for them to immigrate under the DV program. The fact that you have listed family members on your entry does not mean that they must travel with you. They may choose to remain behind. However, if you include an eligible dependent on your visa application forms that you failed to include on your original entry, your case will be disqualified. This only applies to those who were family members at the time the original application was submitted, not those acquired at a later date.

If you acquired a new spouse or child/stepchild after the electronic entry, please be reminded that additional documentation, information, and processing time will be required.

Do not include a future spouse in the electronic entry, if your civil status at the moment of the electronic entry is single, because it will result in disqualification of the principal applicant and refusal of all visas in the case at the time of the visa interview.

Q. Should I pay any fees for the electronic entry of DV?

Electronic DV entry in the annual DV program is free (there is no fee). The U.S. Government employs no outside consultants or private services to operate the DV program. Any intermediaries or others who offer assistance to prepare DV entries do so without the authority or consent of the U.S. Government. Use of any outside intermediary or assistance to prepare a DV entry is entirely at the entrant's discretion.

Q. I'm selected for the DV program. Where do I pay the fees of DV?

You will pay the processing DV fees on the same day of your formal interview in the Consular Section only. If your interview will be in the Consular Section, Tirana, Albania, you will have to pay the fee right before the interview in the Consular Section, Tirana. Please do not be a victim of fraudulent emails that ask you to send money to a named individual by mail or by services such as Western Union.

Q. How do I report internet fraud or unsolicited email?

If you wish to file a complaint about internet fraud, please see visit econsumer.gov, which is a joint effort of consumer protection agencies from 17 nations, hosted by the Federal Trade Commission. You can also visit the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) website. To file a complaint about unsolicited email, contact the Department of Justice.

For complete information on the rules and regulations of the DV Program, please visit: http://travel.state.gov/